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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

CASTINE, MAINE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1897.

ELLSWORTH, MAINE:

HANCOCK COUNTY PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS.

1897.

PROPERTY OF
H. B. STANLEY

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS,

1896-7.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

GEORGE A. WHEELER, JOHN P. SHEPHERD,
GEORGE WESCOTT.

TOWN CLERK,

C. FRED JONES.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR,

CHARLES H. HOOPER.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

C. FRED JONES, GEORGE WESCOTT,
W. A. WALKER, *Supervisor.*

AUDITOR,

GEORGE H. WITHERLE.

ROAD COMMISSIONER,

J. M. VOGELL.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

CURTIS STEVENS, *President*, ALBERT F. RICHARDSON,
SAMUEL J. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

FIRE WARDENS:

JOHN M. VOGELL, E. S. PERKINS,
J. C. M. GARDNER.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

NOAH BROOKS, E. E. PHILBROOK,
W. A. WALKER.

ELECTION AND BALLOT CLERKS:

GEORGE H. WITHERLE. JOHN W. PERKINS.

R E P O R T
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS
OF THE POOR.

The selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor herewith submit their annual report as follows :

ASSESSORS' STATEMENT.

There has been a decrease in the valuation of the resident real estate, as compared with that of the previous year, of \$1,442, and a gain in the valuation of non-resident real estate to the amount of \$16,863. The valuation of personal property shows a gain of \$231. There has been an increase, therefore, in the total valuation, of \$15,652.

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT.

Resident real estate.....		\$187 118
“ personal estate.....		96 381
Non-resident real estate.....		90 562
“ personal estate.		4 269
Total valuation.....		<u>\$378 330</u>
Assessed on estates at 20 1-5 mills on the dollar....	\$7,628 74	
“ “ 266 polls at \$3 each.....	<u>798 00</u>	
Total assessments.....		\$8,426 74

PURPOSES FOR WHICH TAXES WERE ASSESSED.

State tax.....	\$ 822 35
County tax.....	536 91
Centennial celebration.....	500 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<u>\$1,859 26</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,859 26	
Support of the poor.....	750 00	
General repair of highways.....	840 00	
Removal of snow in winter.....	200 00	
Sidewalks	135 00	
Re-building bridges.....	150 00	
Support of common schools.....	1,200 00	
Support of a free high school.....	550 00	
Free text-books.....	150 00	
Repairs of school buildings.....	100 00	
Improvement of public grounds.....	125 00	
Maintenance of library.....	100 00	
Increase of library (35 cents per poll).....	92 40	
Fire department.....	200 00	
Street lights.....	200 00	
Deficiencies of 1895.....	552 00	
Rent of hydrant.....	50 00	
Water for horse-trough.....	6 00	
Henrietta Sawyer (to satisfy claim).....	5 00	
Current and contingent expenses.....	870 00	
Overlay	292 08	
	<hr/>	\$8,426 74

CHANGES IN VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE.

RESIDENTS.

NAMES OF PROPERTY OWNERS.	VALUATION INCREASED.	VALUATION DIMINISHED.
Abbot, M. J.....	.....	\$ 50
Brooks, Noah.....	\$200	.....
Brophy, Mrs.....	.....	100
Brown, Walter S.....	600	.....
Buker, E. H.....	100	.....
Cate, J. E. (heirs).	300	.....
Collins, John.....	.....	200
Colson, John W.....	.....	50
Cunningham, Edward.....	150	.....
Devereux, Ferdinand.....	250	.....
Dodge, Albert K.....	.....	100
“ Roland S.....	100	.....
Dresser, John W.....	100	.....
Emerson, George H.....	100	.....
Gardner, Mrs. Jotham S.....	.....	25
Grindle, Mrs. F. B.....	.....	25
“ Henry .....	.....	50
“ J. H.....	275	.....

Hackett, Joseph.....	.....	\$25
Hooper, Chas. H.....	\$100	.....
" Frank.....	250	.....
Lewis, Frank E.....	500	.....
Lovejoy, Lizzie.....	200	.....
Morey, Otis.....	.....	30
" William H.....	30	.....
Sargent, " G.....	325	.....
" " H.....	.....	275
Shepherd, Hannah F.....	.....	400
" Myra B.....	400	.....
Smallidge, Chas. W.....	100	.....
Snow, John S.....	100	.....
Steele, William.....	.....	175
Tilden, Mrs. Sarah.....	.....	250
Weeks, George L.....	150	.....
" William H.....	.....	700
" Mrs. George H.....	500	.....
Wheeler, George A.....	.....	200
Witham, Frank E.....	100	.....
Witherle, George H.....	.....	50

NON-RESIDENTS.

Acadian hotel (proprietors).....	\$1,000	.....
Buker, Caius (heirs).....	.....	\$ 25
Devereux, A. M.....	.....	5
Fuller, Arthur.....	3,000	.....
Harris, E. K.....	3,000	.....
Little, Arthur W.. ..	900	.....
Perkins, Lucius.....	1	.....
Porter, Mabel G.....	5,000	.....
Thombs, Alice M.....	75	.....
Witham, Zadoc (heirs).....	.....	400
Wood, Frank P.....	150	.....

ABATEMENTS.

NAME.	AMOUNT.	CAUSE.
Bowden, Joseph.....	\$ 3 00	age and infirmity
" William	9 02	" "
Brophy, Leroy S.....	3 00	death
Buker, E. H.....	50	overtaxed
" Caius (heirs).....	51	"
Cate, J. E. " 	6 06	"
Devereux, A. M.....	42 00	vote of town

Amount carried forward.. \$64 09

<i>Amount brought forward..</i>		\$64 09	
Gray, John.....	3 00	death	
“ Moses G.....	3 00	“	
“ Oliver B.....	3 00	age and infirmity	
Hatch, Mrs. Otis.....	5 00	“ “	
Hooper, William T.....	3 00	infirmity	
McIntyre, Augustus.....	6 00	non-residence	
Mills, William H.....	3 00	age and infirmity	
“ R. A.....	3 00	wife's infirmity	
Norton, J. S.....	3 00	age and infirmity	
“ W. S.....	9 00	non-residence	
Patchin, D. T.....	3 00	age and infirmity	
Stover, F. N.....	2 32	error in assessing	
Webster, Norris.....	6 00	non-residence	
Weeks, William H.....	3 00	age and infirmity	
Wilson, Althea.....	4 04	infirmity	
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		\$123 45	

STATEMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

It is a gratification to us to be able to report that of the fourteen paupers remaining at the close of last year, six are now self-supporting, and that only one new one has been added. Mrs. Martha Heath is entitled to a widow's pension, and measures are being taken to obtain one for her. If successful, the town will be relieved from her support.

Bert Sawyer is now of an age at which he ought to earn his own living, and an attempt will doubtless be made to put him in charge of some one who can make his services available for that purpose.

The overseers have leased the "Datson" house for three years, at \$60 a year, and it has had new rooms finished off, and has been otherwise fixed up. Mrs. Reuben Grindle has been put in charge of it, and has her rent given her in lieu of the help she has heretofore

received. She is to board all the paupers sent her for \$1.50 per week. All new applicants for assistance will be sent there except in special cases where the reason for making an exception would be apparent to all.

The large amount paid out for the support of George Macomber and family is due to his having lost all his household effects by fire, and to the sickness of his wife.

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised for last year's deficiencies.....	\$142 74	
support of the poor.....	750 00	
Snowman's labor.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$897 74

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for support of Henry Benson (\$10 50 in 1895-6),	\$ 49 00	
George W. Bowden.....	64 00	
Minnie Datson.....	7 35	
Cordelia Finch.....	26 65	
Martha Heath.....	85 36	
Abbie Howard.....	55 23	
Mrs. Reuben Grindle.....	30 63	
George Macomber.....	173 78	
Mrs. Randall (1895-6).....	2 00	
Bert Sawyer	91 85	
Charles Snowman.....	68 75	
George Webster.....	33 50	
Jane Witham (\$75 in '95).....	141 88	
last year's deficiencies.....	142 74	
	<hr/>	\$972 72
Overdrawn.....		\$74 98
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SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised for last year's deficiencies.....	\$233 44	
general repairs	840 00	
snow	200 00	
sidewalks.	135 00	
bridges.....	150 00	
received from G. A. Wheeler for drain-pipe,	2 60	
Snowman's labor.....	53	
	<u> </u>	\$1,561 57

EXPENDITURES.

Paid last year's deficiency.....	\$233 43	
for general repairs.....	872 93	
removal of snow.....	67 65	
sidewalks.....	151 33	
bridges.....	84 25	
	<u> </u>	\$1,409 59
Balance to new account.....		\$151 98

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT.

Amount overdrawn last year.....	\$233 43	
Paid for labor, 1895-96.....	63 98	
snow bills, 1895-96.....	23 90	
nails and hardware, 1895-96.....	23 76	
labor this year.....	787 92	
snow bills this year.....	43 75	
cement.....	2 35	
clay	3 15	
cedar posts.....	8 40	
gravel.....	4 80	
drain-pipe	74 14	
lumber.....	128 63	
repairs to road machine, and storage.....	11 38	
Balance to new account.....	151 98	
	<u> </u>	\$1,561 57
Overdrawn for general repairs.....	\$29 79	
for sidewalks.....	16 33	
	<u> </u>	\$46 12
Balance left on snow money.....	\$132 35	
on bridge money.....	65 75	
	<u> </u>	\$198 10
Net balance.....		\$151 98

The road commissioner reports new bridges built during the year as follows: one near A. J. Rafnell's, one, 7 x 20 feet, near Wilson Bowden's, and one-half the Morse's Cove bridge, the town of Penobscot building the other half. The southerly abutment ought, in his opinion, to be rebuilt the coming year in order to make the bridge safe.

He has made new culverts as follows: one near Rea's pond, one near A. M. Devereux's house, one on Court street near the brick-yard, one at Mrs. Otis Morey's, one near A. W. Clark's, one at Joseph Hackett's, one at the crossing going into W. T. Hooper's yard, one from F. Hooper's to the gutter near R. B. Brown's, one at the corner of High street and Broadway, one near F. P. Wood's cottage, one at the corner of Court street and Broadway, and one near the Otter Rock cottage.

He recommends that a culvert be laid from the store of L. G. Herrick to the sea, and one from the corner of Main and Court streets to the gutter on lower Main street.

He says that it is absolutely necessary that the abutment from the store of W. H. Witherle to the coal wharf should be repaired this year.

He also reports a large part of the wooden sidewalks to be in bad condition.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 281 99	
Amount raised by town.....	1,200 00	
received from State.....	703 47	
school fund.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,235 46

EXPENDITURES.

For care of buildings (\$4 in '95-6).....	\$ 135 63	
census	3 00	
fuel.....	145 82	
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<i>Amounts carried forward.....</i>	\$284 45	\$2,235 46

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$284 45	\$2,235 46
For insurance.....	120 00	
supplies (\$1.75 in '95-6).....	44 39	
teachers' salaries.....	1,153 66	
horse-hire for committee.....	5 00	
superintendent's salary (borrowed from fund) ..	86 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,693 50
Balance to new account.....		<hr/> <hr/> \$541 96

The superintendent's salary added, and the amount due teachers deducted, and \$146 63 will be left available for next year.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 15 00	
Amount raised by town.....	550 00	
received from State.....	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$690 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for fuel.....	\$ 56 63	
salaries	529 00	
tuning piano.....	3 00	
supplies	14 76	
	<hr/>	\$603 39

Balance to new account.....	<hr/> <hr/> \$86 61
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Some money is yet due from the State, but after the teachers are paid there will be a deficiency instead of a balance.

ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS.

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised for last year's deficiency.....	\$ 96 08	
current year	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$196 08

EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn last year.....	\$96 08	
Paid for labor.....	50 08	
material	23 55	
	<u> </u>	\$169 71
Balance to new account.....		<u>\$26 37</u>

ACCOUNT OF FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 21 29	
Raised by town for books.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 29

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for new books.....	\$141 28	
Balance to new account.....	30 01	
	<hr/>	\$171 29
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ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC GROUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 22 78	
Amount raised by town.....	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$147 78

EXPENDITURES.

For improvement of cemetery.....	\$57 50	
Madison park.....	39 41	
battery Griffith.....	21 20	
common	10 24	
	<hr/>	\$128 35
Balance to new account.....		\$19 43
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FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 4 80	
Amount raised by town.....	200 00	
for hydrant service.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$254 80

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for care of engines.....	\$11 80	
rent of hydrant.....	50 00	
hose	78 16	
pipes and nozzles.....	26 40	
repair of engines (\$11 29 in 1895-6).....	47 99	
supplies for engines, etc.....	12 22	
repair of house and grounds.....	6 85	
wrenches	2 40	
care of reservoirs.....	2 80	
	<hr/>	\$238 62
Balance to new account.....		\$16 18
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LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

Maintenance.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 27	
Amount raised by town.....	100 00	\$100 27

Increase.

Balance from last year.....	3 17	
Amount raised by town (35 cents a poll).....	93 10	
received from State.....	18 79	
	<hr/>	\$115 06
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		\$215 33

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for insurance.....	\$ 13 50	
catalogue, etc.....	7 59	
rent.....	30 00	
fuel.....	6 00	
new books.....	106 22	
salary of librarian.....	52 00	
Balance to new account.....	02	\$215 33

Overdrawn for maintenance, \$8 82.

Balance for increase, .02.

STREET LIGHT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised for last year's deficiency.....	\$ 79 74	
lighting the streets.....	200 00	\$279 74

EXPENDITURES.

Paid amount overdrawn last year.....	\$ 79 74	
for lighting to April 11 (\$5.93 in '95-6).....	22 26	
Ellis S. Gray (three quarters) as per contract..	148 12	\$250 12
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Balance to new account.....		\$ 29 62

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from rent of hall.....	\$122 00	
current expense fund.....	43 36	\$165 36

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for repairs, 1895-6.....	\$16 68	
1896-7.....	24 47	
putting in water-pipes.....	26 64	
insurance.....	20 00	
trucking.....	8 32	
fuel.....	6 35	
water supply.....	7 50	
janitor's services.....	55 40	\$165 36

CENTENNIAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$196 00	
Amount raised by town this year.....	500 00	
received from ball committee.....	7 69	
“ “ invitations sold.....	13 85	
	<hr/>	\$717 54

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of committee on amusements.....	\$ 9 41	
antiquities.....	27 45	
decorations.....	89 45	
dinner.....	63 75	
fireworks.....	117 92	
invitations	55 25	
music	98 65	
printing.....	17 75	
procession.....	51 50	
salutes.....	21 13	
stage	12 59	
tablets.....	82 89	
the general committee.....	44 68	
Balance carried to current expense account.....	25 12	
	<hr/>	<u>\$717 54</u>

In view of the fact that a book has been issued by private parties giving quite a full account of the town's centennial anniversary, no report from the committee, further than the financial statement given above, seems to be necessary.

CURRENT AND CONTINGENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 72 18	
Raised by town for current expenses.....	870 00	
for water for drinking-trough.....	6 00	
settlement of Henrietta Sawyer's claim...	5 00	
Received from State, railroad and telegraph tax	168 55	
overlay on taxes.....	292 08	
centennial account.....	25 12	
	<hr/>	\$1,438 93

EXPENDITURES.

Paid abatements on taxes.....	\$123 45	
blank books and stationery.....	20 73	
board of health.....	23 00	
care of town clock.....	27 25	
constables' fees and police (\$9 90 for 1895-6),	167 05	
discounts on taxes.....	323 61	
ferry, two-thirds expense of.....	3 78	
fences, repair of.....	12 75	
Henrietta Sawyer (vote of town).....	5 00	
legal advice (water contract)	10 00	
<i>Maine Register</i>	1 50	
police badges	4 00	
postage and registered letters	4 76	
printing town reports and blanks.....	41 15	
removing arch.....	2 00	
rent of town clerk's office (\$7 50 in '95-6)....	10 00	
repair of old engine.....	2 75	
reporting births and deaths.....	5 25	
sign-posts	3 20	
survey of streets, 1895.....	2 95	
tables for election officers.....	5 95	
watering-trough, North Castine.....	6 42	
“ village, and repairs.....	6 35	
“ “ stone base (1895)....	10 00	
Fees and salaries, and expenses:		
Collector	\$114 56	
George A. Wheeler, selectman.....	135 00	
John P. Shepherd.....	25 00	
George Wescott.....	29 95	
Town agent.....	20 75	
Town clerk, 1895-6.....	28 85	
“ “ 1896-7.....	36 50	
Ballot clerk.....	11 00	
Treasurer.....	40 00	
Town hall account.....	43 36	
Expenses of town clerk's office.....	6 00	
Use of well (vote of town).....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,316 87
Balance to new account.....		\$122 06
Paid from this fund by treasurer the interest on town		
notes.....		\$145 00
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Making an overdraw of.....		\$22 94

HAWES TRUST FUND.

Invested in Bangor savings bank.....	\$1,050 00	
Penobscot savings bank	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,050 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Interest received.....		\$71 76
Paid Ann Grindle.....	\$11 00	
Matilda Clark.....	11 00	
Mary Garland.....	12 00	
Sarah Webster.....	12 00	
Mrs. Amos Perkins.....	11 00	
Mrs. James S. Ordway.....	14 76	
	<hr/>	<hr/> \$71 76

DOGS LICENSED.

Number of male dogs, 41; number of female dogs, 1.

Amount received for licenses, \$44 00.

BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS PAID THIS YEAR.

On account of poor.....	\$ 92 00
schools.....	5 75
highway.....	111 64
current expenses.....	59 55
other departments.....	17 22
	<hr/> \$286 16

The amount of outstanding bills cannot be exactly told, but we estimate the same at about \$75 00, not including what is due the teachers.

After consultation with other town officers, we think the following sums of money will be needed the ensuing year, and we recommend the appropriation of the same:

For the support of the poor.....	\$ 700 00
general repair of highways.....	780 00
clearing the roads of snow.....	150 00
repair of sidewalks.....	175 00
bridges.....	40 00
building a bulkhead on Water street.....	500 00
support of common schools.....	1,200 00
free high school	550 00
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$4,095 00</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$4,095 00
For free text-books.....	160 00
repairs of school buildings.....	100 00
improvement of public grounds (cemetery, \$50; park, \$50; common, \$5; battery Griffith, \$15)	120 00
fire department.....	30 00
hydrants.....	50 00
maintenance of library.....	100 00
increase of library (a sum equal 35c. per poll). lighting streets.....	..... 200 00
current and contingent expenses.....	725 00
payment of supervisor of schools (2 years).....	173 25
the deficiencies of last year.....	331 76
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Total amount, about.....	\$5,800 00

GEORGE A. WHEELER,	}	<i>Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.</i>
JOHN P. SHEPHERD,		
GEORGE WESCOTT,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF CASTINE

IN ACCOUNT WITH C. H. HOOPER, TREASURER.

1896.

DR.

To balance due me last report March, 1896.....	\$82 05	
paid State pensions.....	264 00	
making out pension papers.....	2 50	
postage, express and acknowledging reports....	3 50	
interest on town notes.....	137 60	
paid county tax, 1896.....	536 91	
State " "	822 35	
temporary loan and interest.....	504 80	
bounty on seals.....	2 00	
State treasurer, dog tax.....	44 00	
town orders from Nos. 1 to 299 inclusive.....	7,403 77	
cash in treasury.....	866 31	
	<hr/>	\$10,669 79

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By cash of A. L. Hutchings, peddler's license, '95-6,	\$ 6 00	
from State, bounty on seals.....	10 00	
temporary loan.....	500 00	
licenses from circus and venders.....	5 00	
cash from State free high school.....	250 00	
for library.....	18 79	
pensions.....	264 00	
for centennial invitations sold.....	13 85	
from " ball committee.....	7 69	
State, railroad and telegraph tax	168 55	
mill and school tax.....	703 47	
G. A. Wheeler, for pipe.....	2 60	
A. L. Hutchings, peddler's license....	3 00	
State, rebate on dog tax	39 73	
J. M. Dennett, license bowling alley..	10 00	
Geo. H. Witherle, interest school fund,	50 00	
J. McLaughlin, rent town hall.....	122 00	
John W. Perkins, clams	1 00	
C. F. Jones, dog tax	44 00	
taxes collected.....	8,444 58	
Chas. Snowman, for labor.....	5 53	
	<hr/>	\$10,669 79

CHARLES H. HOOPER,

CASTINE, ME., March 2, 1897.

Treasurer.

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer.....	\$866 31	
Uncollected taxes.....	774 74	
Due from State bounty on seals.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,643 05

LIABILITIES.

Note held by trustee school fund.....	\$1,111 00	
" Samuel Bowden.....	50 00	
Notes for soldiers' monument.....	700 00	
Loan of 1893-94.....	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,361 00

The foregoing accounts have been examined and approved.

G. H. WITHERLE,
Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

GENTLEMEN—The town board of health respectfully submits the following as its annual report :

The board has met during the year four times. An improvement has been noticed this year in the health conditions of the town by the gradual extension of the water supply. Plenty of pure water is a necessity. The present commencement of sewerage, so happily begun by the State at the normal school, and carried down Main street to the dock, should be followed by another on Green street at an early day, and the one on Pleasant street should be extended to High street. We know this cannot be all done at once, but we can make a beginning, and then proceed yearly until the town has a complete sewerage system. Only four nuisances were reported to the board this year, and these were promptly abated.

It gives us satisfaction to say that we have not had a single case of the following contagious diseases reported during the year: small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or typhoid fever. It is the law, and all physicians, nurses, and others interested are earnestly requested to report all cases of tuberculosis, or as it is commonly called, consumption, to the board, that proper measures may be taken, by giving instruction to the friends of the sick, to disinfect all sputa and excreta, and promptly remove the

same from the sick room, thereby protecting other members of the family.

We earnestly request all citizens to report promptly to the secretary of the board all cases of a suspicious nature that may come to their knowledge, in order that measures may be taken at once to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious disease. The diseases that should be promptly reported are: small pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever, measles, membranous croup, cerebro-spinal meningitis and whooping cough. These are diseases that spread rapidly, and are at all times a grave source of danger to the community.

Until the town has a complete sewerage system, all privies and water-closets should be cleaned and disinfected annually before May 20.

According to law it is the duty of the board to give free vaccination to all who may need it, in March, annually. This law is compulsory on all teachers and school children, and they are not allowed to attend school unless the law is complied with. Only four persons presented themselves for vaccination this year, although due notice was posted in several public places. We earnestly call the attention of the school committee to the law, and request them to co-operate with the board to see that the law is fully carried into effect.

Respectfully submitted.

CURTIS STEVENS, *President,*

ALBERT F. RICHARDSON, *Treasurer,*

SAMUEL J. WALLACE, M. D., *Secretary,*

Board of Health of Castine.

Castine, February 16, 1897.

REPORT

OF

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Castine:

Your library committee respectfully presents the following report:

The catalogue issued last year has proved very helpful to users of the library, and we are glad to be able to say that the small balance due on the cost of printing it will be met in our appropriation for maintenance in 1897.

A number of copies has been sold, and we hope the small sum asked, five cents, will place all the remaining copies in the hands of our citizens within the year.

We have added to the library by purchase ninety-three volumes at a cost of \$106.22. Forty-nine volumes have been given the library since our last report. Thus we have, approximately, 2,304 books in actual use to-day. A few of these will have to be condemned in the near future. We have received books as follows:

From Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Ames.....	9	volumes
city of Portland.....	1	“
Rev. William Brunton.....	1	“
Edward W. Watson, M. D.	1	“
Secretary of American conference on international arbitration	1	“
Mr. Noah Brooks.....	37	“

To all these we extend, in the name of the town, our sincere thanks.

We also acknowledge, from Mr. Smythe and Miss Bates, the gift of \$10, the receipts of an entertainment

held at the town hall last summer. We have expended it in the maintenance of the library.

We would recommend the appropriation of the same amounts for maintenance and increase as last year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

TOWN OF CASTINE.

Dr.		Cr.	
To maintenance fund:		By paid:	
Balance from last year.....	\$ 27	Freight on catalogues.....	\$ 5 20
Vote of town, March, 1896,	100 00	Pass-book (making cata-	
Received from Mr. Smythe		logue).....	1 00
and Miss Bates.....	10 00	Trucking catalogues.....	15
		Balance due on catalogues,	5 00
		Printing supplementary cat-	
		alogue	2 70
		Labels for books.....	3 21
		Ink pad.....	33
		Insurance.....	13 50
		Fuel	6 00
		Rent of library room.....	30 00
		Salary of librarian.....	52 00
To balance.....	8 82		
	<u>\$119 09</u>		<u>\$119 09</u>
To increase fund:		By paid:	
Balance from last year....	\$3 17	New books.....	\$102 02
Vote of town, 1896.....	93 10	Freight on same.....	4 20
Received from State.....	18 79	By balance	8 84
	<u>\$115 06</u>		<u>\$115 06</u>
Total receipts from all sources.....			\$225 33
Total expended for all purposes.....			225 31
Total balance on hand.....			<u>\$ 02</u>

NOAH BROOKS,
WM. A. WALKER,
EDWARD E. PHILBROOK, } *Library
Committee.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Citizens of the Town of Castine:

In accordance with the requirements of the public school laws, I respectfully submit the following report:

In a report of this kind there is much that must, on account of space, be left unsaid. I will therefore in as brief space as possible submit a short report of the progress and condition of our schools.

The arrangement between the normal school and our town schools by which the normal students are allowed the privilege of teaching a short time each week, has been a source of satisfaction and profit to all concerned. The principal of the normal school has been very generous in providing our grammar school with necessary requisites for regular and supplementary work, and I trust that there will be no change in the existing arrangement.

REPAIRS.

The school-buildings and school-rooms are for the most part in good condition. Repairs have been made when found necessary; not all repairs necessary have been made, however, owing to a desire to keep as near the bounds of the appropriation for repairs as possible. If the school at Gardner's Corner is to be maintained permanently, a few repairs will be necessary on the building. With the exception of the walls on the intermediate school-room, that building is in excellent condition.

I wish to call particular attention to the condition of the floors in the primary and high school-rooms, and the necessity for new ones. Another very important matter that should appeal to us all is the condition of the sewerage and sanitary arrangements of our village, and school buildings in particular.

The town should take some definite action in regard to this matter at once. I question whether or not the town would not be criminally liable, in the event of sickness to any scholar, for allowing such a condition of affairs to exist. I hope that the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to investigate the matter will report favorably.

TEACHERS.

The same corps of teachers has been employed the past year as in the year previous. Their work during the year has been characterized by the same conscientiousness and thoroughness as in the past, and I feel that the usual standard of excellence in the schools has been maintained, and that good, profitable instruction has been given.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The greater part of the pupils are doing thorough and conscientious work, and the school may be said to be in an excellent condition. A class of six graduated from the school last June, and, in all probability, a like number will graduate at the close of next term. During the past year a feeling of dissatisfaction in regard to some of the studies in the high school course has manifested itself among a few of the parents.

The study of Latin seems to be an object of antipathy to many of the parents. Several of them have asked me: "What's the good of Latin, anyway? What a waste of valuable time! Why not study English grammar in place of Latin? We got along without it, and it isn't a neces-

sary 'know' in order to gain a living. Plain English is good enough for me."

There is no question but a person can gain a living who has no knowledge of Latin, but the fact does not persuade me that the scholars in our high school better not be taught something about the language. We all know of men who have accumulated fortunes in spite of their ignorance of reading and writing, but that does not seem to me a good argument against the teaching of those elementary branches. Our civilization and prosperity are not based on the idea that we should go through this world and get along with as little of everything as is compatible with mere existence. It is supposed that people enjoy and are benefited by doing things and having things that are not absolutely essential to make them grow. I do not assert that a knowledge of Latin is indispensable, but that it is a desirable part of our equipment, and an aid and a stimulus to a wider education, I unhesitatingly affirm.

ATTENDANCE.

In the matter of attendance, our schools show a higher average than last year. In order, however, to obtain the best results in this direction, the teachers and superintending school committee must have the co-operation of the parents. This matter can best be attended to by the parents themselves. We are apt to think that when we have attended the town meeting in March, and voted to raise a certain amount for the support of schools, that we have done our whole duty, and that our responsibility is at an end. In fact, however, our responsibilities have just begun.

We should see that the money appropriated is wisely and judiciously expended, and the best possible results obtained. We should visit the schools as often as possible,

and show by our presence that the interest manifested by our generous appropriation at the annual town meeting is still felt. Approbation is a sweet-smelling nostrum to us all, and there is no way in which we can show our approval of the work and endeavor of both pupil and teacher more than by our presence in the school-room.

Few additions have been made in text-books for supplementary work, and practically the same condition of affairs exists, in regard to school libraries, as was reported to you last year. It is hoped that during the ensuing year a natural history cabinet can be placed in the intermediate school, and necessary apparatus in the high school.

APPROPRIATIONS.

In regard to appropriations for the support and maintenance of schools for the coming year, I am instructed by the school committee to recommend as follows :

For support of common schools.....	\$1,200
“ “ free high school.....	550
“ purchase of text-books.....	125
“ general repairs.....	100
Total.....	<u>\$1,975</u>

I would also recommend that the salary of the superintendent of schools be made a definite amount by vote of the town. For the financial report see the selectmen's statement.

W. A. WALKER, *Superintendent.*

C. FRED JONES,	} <i>Superintending</i>
GEORGE WESCOTT,	
W. A. WALKER,	
	<i>School</i>
	<i>Committee.</i>

CONTRACT
WITH
THE CASTINE WATER COMPANY.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Made and concluded this sixth day of October, A. D. 1896, by and between the inhabitants of the town of Castine, county of Hancock, and State of Maine, in their corporate capacity as a town, hereinafter called the town, party of the first part, and the Castine Water Company, a corporation existing by law, and having its established place of business at Castine, hereinafter called the company, party of the second part.

Whereas, said company proposes to enlarge and maintain its system of water-works for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said town with water for domestic uses, and to said town water under pressure for extinguishing fires, and whereas, said town desires to obtain a supply of water under pressure for extinguishing fires,

Now this writing witnesseth that the said parties hereto, each in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter recited, to be kept and performed by both parties, have mutually covenanted and agreed, and by these presents do mutually covenant and agree, each with the others as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Said company agrees with said town to furnish, set and maintain twenty double-nozzle hydrants and connect the same with water-mains which shall be not less than six inches in interior diameter, and to locate said hydrants as determined by a committee of said town at its meeting held at the town hall on Thursday, the tenth day of September, 1896, acting in conference with said company, and said mains or pipes shall be of the best quality of iron laid not less than four feet under the surface of the ground, with suitable gates and connections, and said hydrants, gates, pipes or mains shall be furnished and properly set and kept

in repair during the continuance of this contract by said company, without expense to said town, except as herein provided.

ARTICLE II.

Said company agrees to furnish water through said mains and hydrants for the extinguishment of fires and for no other purpose, and, in order that there may be a sufficient and adequate supply of water for fire purposes, it is hereby agreed that when notified by the company that said works are so far completed as to be ready to furnish water to said town for fire purposes, the selectmen of said town shall test the efficiency of said works by playing two streams from each of five hydrants selected by them, all discharging at the same time, and the amount of water thereby determined which said hydrants will discharge in five hours' time with sufficient pressure for any one hydrant, through both nozzles, to throw over the ridge-pole of any building within five hundred feet of said hydrants, shall be deemed to be the sufficient and adequate supply which shall be kept on hand at all times thereafter, and the selectmen shall thereupon certify in writing to said company the amount of water thus determined.

ARTICLE III.

If at any time during the continuance of this contract, said company shall, except as hereinafter provided, have in store less than the amount of water determined as aforesaid in said hydrants available for fire purposes, or with a pressure less than that required under Article II, said town shall be discharged from the payments to said company hereinafter specified, for such time as said company shall have less than that amount of water in store, notwithstanding said company shall actually have in store a sufficient amount of water to extinguish any and all fires that occur during the continuance of this contract. If at any time the amount of water said company shall have in store shall fall below the amount so determined, as aforesaid, by reason of the extinguishment of fires, said company shall have thirty days in which to replenish said supply of water.

ARTICLE IV.

And if for any cause, except the extinguishing of fires, said company shall have less than that amount of water in store for any five consecutive months after said works shall be completed according to this contract, then upon a vote of the town, and due notice in writing to the said company, this contract shall be null and void, and of no binding effect upon either party.

ARTICLE V.

Said company agrees to complete the work of laying its mains, constructing its works, setting the hydrants and providing the water according to this contract on or before the first day of October, 1898, and said company agrees to provide and maintain during the continuance of this contract, at its own expense, suitable gauges to enable the selectmen or any agent of the town authorized for that purpose, to examine and determine the amount of water in store, and said company shall also grant to the selectmen or to any agent authorized by

them or by the town for that purpose, free access at all times to the company's water in store for the purpose of inspecting the same.

ARTICLE VI.

Said town agrees to take said water for said twenty hydrants and to pay for the same and for the use of said hydrants the sum of eight hundred dollars per year for twenty years, and to pay said rental semi-annually on the first day of January and July during said term of twenty years, without default or delay, the first payment to be made in the January or July, as the case may be, next following the completion of the company's construction as set forth in this agreement, provided the same shall have been completed and tested according to this contract prior to the annual March meeting of the town for that year, and if at any time before October 1, 1898, said company's works shall be completed and tested as specified in Article II of this agreement, then said selectmen shall so certify in writing to said company, and the town shall begin to pay said company as above specified from that day and not before.

ARTICLE VII.

In case any dispute shall arise between said town and said company, such dispute shall be finally determined by three referees who shall be selected as follows: One by the town and one by the company, and the two so selected to select a third, and the decision and award of a majority of them in writing shall be final and binding on both parties hereto.

ARTICLE VIII.

Said town will at all times exercise due care in using and operating all the said hydrants and fixtures, and will be responsible to the said company for any damage to the same caused by the carelessness or negligence of the officers or servants of the town, and will use the water of said company without unreasonable waste, and will not use water or suffer its officers or employees to use water from the said mains through the said hydrants or other fixtures for any other purposes than for fire purposes; but testing the hydrants by the engineers of the fire department to see that they are in working order shall be deemed a use for fire purposes.

ARTICLE IX.

This agreement is in force from and after the date of its execution by the said company and town, and both parties hereto shall in all respects conform to this contract; and it is hereby mutually understood and agreed, that nothing herein contained or expressed is intended, nor shall be constructed by either party hereto as in any way nullifying or contradicting the vote of the town of Castine passed at its meeting held on the second day of September, 1896, instructing the selectmen, or a majority of them, to contract with the Castine Water Company in the name and on account of the town, to pay the said company semi-annually for twenty years, for the use of twenty hydrants for fire purposes, at the rate of

forty dollars a year for each hydrant, provided said company shall furnish said hydrants a sufficient and adequate supply of water for fire purposes.

In witness whereof the said inhabitants of the town of Castine, in their corporate capacity as a town have caused their corporate name to be signed and their corporate seal to be affixed by George A. Wheeler, John P. Shepherd and George Wescott, selectmen of said town, duly authorized so to do by vote of the qualified voters of said town at a meeting held on the second day of September, A. D. 1896, and the Castine Water Company has caused its corporate name to be signed and its corporate seal to be affixed to these presents and to one other instrument of even date and of like tenor by Manley G. Trask, president of said company, duly authorized so to do by vote of its directors, this sixth day of October, A. D. 1896.

{ Seal of
Castine. }

Town of Castine, by

GEORGE A. WHEELER, } *Selectmen*
JOHN P. SHEPHERD, } *of*
GEORGE WESCOTT, } *Castine.*

{ Seal of
Water Company. }

Castine Water Company, by

MANLEY G. TRASK,
President.